



9<sup>th</sup> August, 2017

Prudhoe Town Council  
The Spetchells Centre  
58 Front Street  
Prudhoe  
Northumberland  
NE42 5AA

AGENDA 15,  
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Dear Ms Eden

**Planning ref. 16/04574/FUL –Stopping Up of Footpath, Land west of 21 Linnheads, High Shaw, Prudhoe, Northumberland**

Following your email to the Department of Transport dated 14 July 2017 regarding the above, I would respectfully request that the Town Council re-considers its position and withdraws its objection to the stopping up of the footpath in order to allow the construction of much needed affordable homes for local people. As part of your deliberations I would request that the following factors are taken into account:

- Application No 16/04574/FUL has received full planning consent from Northumberland County Council (NCC) dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 for 4 no. dwellings for much needed affordable homes
- In response to your concerns regarding road safety and excessive levels of traffic NCC's Highways Officer was consulted, commented on the planning application and was present at the planning meeting and he had no concerns regarding road safety and level of traffic
- As part of our planning application we propose to provide additional car parking spaces across the estate with a net gain of 3 car parking spaces and no 'additional parking provision' would be taken up by the vehicles that would be connected with the new residents of our properties
- There are no signs of congestion of the estate which we demonstrated as part of the planning application and the Highways Officer had no concerns regarding road congestion caused by the construction of the new housing

- There is a substantial area of amenity space on the estate being retained for dog walking and children playing. The planning officer commented that the loss of open space would not have adverse effect on the visual amenity of the area in their planning report and verbally at the planning meeting

We are of the firm view that our proposals have fully addressed your concerns and urge you to re-consider your position given the scheme has now received consent from the planning authority. Failure to do so is likely to lead to further delays and unnecessary costs.

I look forward to hearing from you and would be very happy to address the Council in person if thought beneficial.

Yours sincerely

*pp. V. Walsh*

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